

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:180
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2001
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted for sanctioning of Tourism Projects;
- (b) the names of projects/proposals received from the State Governments for the development of tourism for 2001-02, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the names of projects cleared by the Government along with the funds allocated thereunder, project-wise;
- (d) whether some tourism projects have been rejected by the Government;
- (e) if so, the details of those projects/proposals along with the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the fresh initiatives taken by the Government to develop tourism in the country and also to attract more domestic/foreign tourists ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 180 ANSWERED ON 08.03.: REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

(a) : Development and Promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India extends central financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised every year in consultation with State Governments/UT Administrations. Projects are prioritised depending upon their merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

(b) : Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Governments/UTs prioritises projects for Central financial assistance only at the beginning of each financial year.

(c), (d) and (e) : Does not arise.

(f): In order to develop and promote tourism in the country, Department of Tourism, Government of India has taken various initiatives including advertisement in print and electronic media, organising seminars, workshop on tourism, extensive use of Information Technology through Indian tourism website, preparation of CD-Roms, Participation in Travel and Tourism Fairs/Marts and production of publicity material.